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1. REFERENCE A. PROVIDES A FOURTEEN POINT QUESTIONNAIRE TO
IDENTIFY LOGISTIC SPECIALIZATION EFFORTS NOW UNDERWAY
BETWEEN NATIONAL MILITARY FORCES AND REQUESTS RECOMMENDA-
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TIONS OF THOSE AREAS WARRANTING EXAMINATION.

2. TO PRECLUDE A DUPLICATION OF EFFORT, DOD HAS PURSUED A POLICY OF INTERNAL LOGISTICS SPECIALIZATION AMONG THE THREE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS, E.G., TRANSPORTATION - MAC AND MTMTS; COMMUNICATIONS - DCA; AND SINGLE INVENTORY MANAGER OF COMMON STOCK ITEMS - DSA. EACH OF THESE CENTRAL ACTIVITIES PROVIDES A COMMON SERVICE IN A GIVEN FUNCTIONAL AREA THROUGHOUT THE DOD. SIMILARLY, WITHIN THE NATO COMMUNITY SELECTED COMMON SERVICES AND MULTILATERAL PROJECTS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED, E.G., NAMSA, NATO HAWK AND SEASPARROW, THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN PIPELINE SYSTEM, AS WELL AS PRODUCTION LOGISTICS STUDIES UNDER CNAD.

3. WE ARE AWARE OF ONLY TWO EFFORTS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY BETWEEN US AND OTHER NATIONAL MILITARY FORCES RELATED TO SPECIALIZATION AREAS IN REFERENCE A.

(A) USCINCEUR DISCUSSIONS WITH BENELUX COUNTRIES AND UK IN PREPARING IMPLEMENTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE UK/BENELUX LOC. WE EXPECT SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS TO BE AVAILABLE IN ABOUT 30 DAYS.

(B) US/FRG AGREEMENTS FOR RECIPROCAL USE OF STORAGE AND WAREHOUSING FACILITIES ARE BEING NEGOTIATED.

4. YOUR ATTENTION IS INVITED TO PART II OF REFERENCE B, WHICH DELINEATES POTENTIAL AREAS FOR LOGISTICS SPECIALIZATION, VIZ., MATERIEL (PRODUCTION, MODIFICATION/MODERNIZATION, DISTRIBUTION, MAINTENANCE/REHABILITATION). AGAIN, ANY ONE OF THESE ITEMS IS CONSIDERED A LIKELY CANDIDATE FOR LOGISTICS SPECIALIZATION.

5. THE OPERATIONAL LOGISTICS FUNCTIONAL AREAS PERTAINING TO A WARTIME LOC APPEAR TO US TO BE A FIELD IN WHICH SPECIALIZATION ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE READILY ACHIEVED. A TREMENDOUS LOC CAPABILITY EXISTS IN THE CENTRAL REGION TODAY, PARTICULARLY WITH ITS EXTENSIVE SEA AND AIR PORT FACILITIES, ROAD AND RAIL SYSTEMS, AND WATERWAY SYSTEMS. IF HOST NATIONS WOULD AGREE TO ALLOCATE AN ASSURED WARTIME

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THROUGHPUT CAPABILITY TO NATIONS WITH STATIONED FORCES, SUCH ACTION WOULD NOT NECESSARILY MEAN A PEACETIME EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS BY HOST NATIONS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE SPECIFIC LOC FUNCTIONS REFERRED TO HERE COMPRISE:

A. PORT FACILITIES, BOTH SEA AND AIR, TO RECEIVE AND HANDLE BOTH CONTAINERIZED AND BREAK BULK CARGO.

B. CONSOLIDATION POINTS FOR RECEIPT, TEMPORARY STORAGE, AND ONWARD FORWARDING OF BOTH AMMUNITION AND GENERAL CARGO.

C. SURFACE TRANSPORT OF MATERIAL TO CONSIGNEE.

D. COMMUNICATIONS.

E. SECURITY, INCLUDING PROTECTION OF STORES THEMSELVES, AND PROTECTION OF PERSONNEL IN VICINITY OF LOC.

F. MANPOWER, NECESSARY TO OPERATE THE ABOVE ELEMENTS.

6. ANOTHER AREA FOR INVESTIGATION IS WHAT NAMSA TERMS "BROKERAGE" SUPPORT. THAT IS, THE AGENCY SATISFIES NATIONS' REQUIREMENTS BY PLACING ORDERS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, CONSOLIDATING REQUIREMENTS WHENEVER FEASIBLE IN

ORDER TO OBTAIN THE MOST FAVORABLE PRICES. NAMSA CAN ALSO ORGANIZE THE REDISTRIBUTION OF EXCESS STOCKS FROM ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER. SPECIFICALLY, ALL COUNTRIES EXPEND AMMUNITION DURING PEACETIME EXERCISES. NAMSA MAY WELL PROVIDE SUCH BROKERAGE SERVICE FOR COMMON AMMUNITION ITEMS. AS NOTED IN REFERENCE C, THE ONLY COMMON USER MATERIALS OR THOSE WHICH MIGHT BE CLASSIFIED AS SUCH, ARE 65 TO 70 PERCENT AMMUNITION. AS A STARTING POINT, THE SUB-GROUP ON LOGISTICS SPECIALIZATION MIGHT EXAMINE THE LISTING OF COMMON USE AMMUNITION ITEMS IN REFERENCE C, TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS MIGHT BE ADDITIONALLY BROKERED BY NAMSA.

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